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# PRESS RELEASE

### Commissioners announce new voting equipment display January 5, 2006

*A number of different types of new voting equipment to be on display for the public*

**Rochester, December 9, 2005:** Commissioners Peter Quinn and Tom Ferrarese announced today that they have arranged with three vendors to provide our community with a first look on January 5, 2006 at equipment that the vendors intend to submit to New York State for certification. The voting equipment display will be open to the public from Noon till 6:00 p.m. We are very fortunate that the Fair and Expo Center here in Monroe County has, as a public service, provided us with Minett Hall which is on the south side of the Dome Center in the Town of Henrietta.

Everyone is invited. The commissioners are hopeful that along with the general public community groups, business groups, senior citizens, schools, and anyone else who is interested in what the future may bring will join us. A survey form will be provided so that everyone can let the Board of Elections know what they think of each type of voting equipment. Additional comments will be welcome after the event. If someone knows in advance that they will need assistance completing a survey they are welcome to bring someone with them to take notes and assist them with their survey. A second option, if you contact the Board of Elections at 428-4550 by January 3<sup>rd</sup> with your name and what time you will be there we will provide you with a person to assist you in completing the survey.

If people are coming with a group we would ask that the group leader let us know by January 3<sup>rd</sup>, if possible, your group name, how many will be in your group and about what time you would plan to arrive. This will help us avoid any delays in getting people registered and into the display. If you have a large group and would like registration forms in advance so that they can be completed before January 5<sup>th</sup>, forms will be available after December 19<sup>th</sup> by calling the Board of Elections. The Board will be happy to mail them out to anyone upon request.

There have been a lot of questions over the past several months about new voting equipment required to meet the regulations under the Help America Vote Act. The New York State Legislature has passed legislation that provides the framework for what type of voting equipment we will be using here in New York State. The State Board of Elections is responsible for certifying equipment that will meet these requirements. Each County Board of Elections will then choose for their county the type of voting equipment that they will use.

Commissioners Quinn and Ferrarese feel this is a wonderful opportunity for the community to see the many types of voting equipment on display. Their input will be very helpful in deciding what type of voting equipment we might see here in Monroe County.